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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ITALIAN MOD TANASSI TO VISIT

WASHINGTON

REFS: DAO TELECON WITH MR. LLOYD DOD/ISA OF 11 JULY 1973;

ROME 6964

1. SECDEF SCHEDULE CAN BE ADJUSTED FOR TANASSI VISIT
SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER AS PREFERRED BY MOD. BECAUSE OF
HOLIDAY MONDAY 22 OCTOBER, RECOMMEND WASHINGTON TALKS BE
SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 24TH. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING
IF THIS ACCEPTABLE TO TANASSI AND IF HE DESIRES TO VISIT
US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS FOLLOWING WASHINGTON MEETINGS.
DOD WOULD WORK WITH ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO
DEVELOP ITINERARY TO FIT IN WITH TANASSI'S SCHEDULED
RETURN TO ROME.

2. LETTER OF INVITATION FROM SCHLESINGER TO TANASSI BEING
POUCHED IN INTERIM, REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER COPY OF FOL-
LOWING TEXT TO TANASSI: QUOTE DEAR MINISTER TANASSI:
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AS AMBASSADOR VOLPE HAS ALREADY INDICATED TO YOU, I WOULD

LIKE VERY MUCH TO INVITE YOU TO VISIT ME IN WASHINGTON. SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE. IN ADDITION TO ISSUES OF DEFENSE, YOUR WORK WITH THE EUROGROUP IS TAKING ON EVER-INCREASING

IMPORTANCE. YOUR VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO ME.

3. I UNDERSTAND FROM DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR STAFFS THAT YOU WOULD PREFER TO COME DURING THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER. THEREFORE I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE PLAN OUR MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE MRS. TANASSI ACCOMPANY YOU. IN ADDITION TO OUR MEETING, IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS, YOU MAY WISH TO VISIT SOME OF OUR DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENTS. SHOULD YOU DESIRE TO DO SO, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM FOR YOU.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AND CONTINUING THE MEANINGFUL COOPERATION THAT CHARACTERIZES RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WITH BEST REGARDS, SINCERELY, JAMES R. SCHLESINGER, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. UNQUOTE.

5. DOD CONCURS.

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